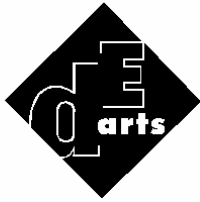


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PAUL WEAGRAFF NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE DELAWARE DIVISION OF THE ARTS

(Wilmington, Del.—September 29, 2006)—Paul Weagraff has been appointed Director of the Delaware Division of the Arts, effective October 16, 2006. Secretary of State Harriet Smith Windsor made the appointment, with the approval of Governor Ruth Ann Minner. Mr. Weagraff replaces Laura Scanlan, who held the position since 2001. Ms. Scanlan has accepted the position of Sr. Vice President for Development for the Delaware Community Foundation. Susan Salkin, the Community Arts Development Coordinator, will take over as Deputy Director. Ms. Salkin has worked for the Division for thirteen years.

Mr. Weagraff started at the Division in 1997, serving as Arts Education Coordinator. In this role, he encouraged the expansion of opportunities and partnerships with schools, arts organizations, and the Delaware Department of Education. In 2001, he became Deputy Director. Prior to working for the Division, he spent seventeen years teaching in both public and private schools, including Sanford School in Hockessin, and served as Dean of Students at Friends Select School in Philadelphia.

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He holds a Master of Liberal Arts from Temple University and a Bachelor of Science from the Pennsylvania State University.

The arts, particularly theater, have long been a part of Mr. Weagraff's life. He and his entire family are very active in local community and dinner theater.

As director of the state agency that supports the arts through grants and technical assistance programs, Mr. Weagraff says he is "honored to serve the arts community in this capacity. The arts are a vital component of our society, as they contribute to the social, educational, and economic well being of our state."

The Delaware Division of the Arts is an agency of the State of Delaware. Together with its advisory body, the Delaware State Arts Council, the Division administers grants and programs that support artists and arts organizations, educate the public, increase awareness of the arts, and integrate the arts into all facets of Delaware life. Funding for the Division programs is provided by annual appropriations from the Delaware State Legislature, and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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